

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10-12, 14 and 23-31 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 14 are amended, Claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 13 and 15-22 are cancelled and Claims 23-31 are added by the present amendment. Support for amendments and additions to the claims can be found in the claims as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Action, Claims 1-7, 10-13 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Nagashima et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2003/02000918, herein “Nagashima”) in view of Hyun et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4, 983,546, herein “Hyun”) and/or Jeoung et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,398,430, herein “Jeoung”); Claims 1-8, 10-13, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Nagashima and Hyun in view of Kusuda (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0195437); and Claims 9, 16 and 17 were objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Initially, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowable subject matter in Claims 9, 16 and 17.

Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled allowable Claims 9, 16 and 17 and have incorporated the features recited therein into independent Claim 1 and new Claims 24 and 31. Specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of Claims 8 and 9, Claim 24 has been added and includes the features of original Claim 1 and Claims 15 and 16 and Claim 31 has been added and includes the features of original Claim 1 and Claim 17.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 1-7, 10-13 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Nagashima, Hyun and Jeoung and the

rejection of Claims 1-8, 10-13, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Nagashima, Hyun and Kusuda are moot.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10-12, 14 and 23-31 patentably distinguish over the cited references. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the §103(a) rejections of the outstanding claims be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance.

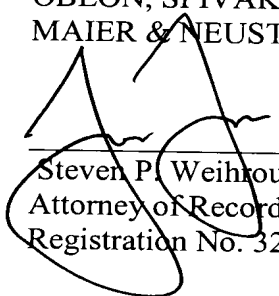
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